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Death Claim

Louis D. Leahr

A host of friends will regret the death of one of the county's older and highly respected citizens, Louis Leahr of Chippewa Lake, which occurred at his late home Saturday evening, March 6, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Leahr was a native of Pennsylvania, born there July 10, 1847. In very early life with his parents he came to Medina county, settling in Guilford township, where he resided until about seven years ago, when he removed to Chippewa Lake.

In 1897, during his residence in Guilford, Mr. Leahr was united in marriage to Margaret Overholt, to whom were born five children: Chas., Emory, Amanda, Fietta and Ella. All survive but the son Emory. Later the deceased was married to Amelia Bernhammer. To this union no children were born.

Funeral services were held at the Acme church Tuesday forenoon at 10:30 o'clock, Rev. Westenberg of the Lutheran church of Akron officiating. Burial was made in the Acme cemetery.

PROBATE COURT

Wm. P. Orth appointed guardian of Fred Muntz. Bond, \$400.

Petition filed for sale of land in estate of Rush S. Tyler. Hearing set for April 5, and summons issued.

Will of Eunice M. Sylvester and application for probate filed. Hearing set for March 15.

N. W. Spafford appointed administrator of estate of Sarah A. Spafford. Bond, \$200.

F. O. Phillips appointed administrator of estate of Andrew Derhammer. Bond \$4500.

Will of C. E. Phillips and application for probate filed. Hearing set for March 11.

The following accounts set for hearing on April 3, and ordered published: Estates of Wade Smith, Sam Pomoles, John H. Rishel, Almira H. Deming, Johanna Voss, Mary S. Burget, Sarah H. Van Nodall; guardianships of Roy W. Conant, Andrew Derhammer, Arthur Thompson, Carl F. Steck.

Commission to C. F. Averill to take deposition of Marie Conyne, a subscribing witness to will of Eunice M. Sylvester, returned and filed.

Commission issued to Carl Steeb of Columbus to take deposition of Earl Sargent, a subscribing witness to will of C. E. Phillips.

Fred Baisch appointed administrator of estate of Wm. Baisch. Bond \$1500. Appraisers: C. M. Metzger, William Lemble and P. L. Warner.

First and final account filed in estate of Henry H. Hopkins.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Lee E. Archer and Mabel B. Dickinson, both of Homerville.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Wm. O. Baker to C. H. Scudder, 13 acres, Granger, \$500.

W. G. Bowman to Chas. Reinhardt, lot 177, Wadsworth village, \$900.

Sarah J. Brouse to Clara M. Brouse lots 13 and 14, Spencer, \$1075.

Wm. A. Clark to W. G. Bowman, lot 177 Wadsworth village, \$900.

Daniel Long to Rosa Becker, lot 33, Lodi village, \$1000.

Geo. B. Link to C. H. Scudder, 17 acres Granger, \$500.

L. I. Moyer to G. Borlinghauser, 50 acres, Hinckley, \$10.

Robt. Mackey, executor to C. and H. Smith, lots 353 and 354, Wadsworth village, \$975.

C. Stranahan to Eli C. Peck, 50 acres Brunswick, \$800.

Clare E. Stone to Louisa A. Seeley, 25 acres, York, \$700.

W. S. Tuttle et al. to E. E. and L. E. Wallace, lot 403, Medina village, \$1.

John E. Wiselgren to Francis Fouch lot 34, Lodi village, \$1.

THE NEW JURIES

The following venires of grand and petit jurors were drawn at the court house last Saturday forenoon:

Grand Jurors—Ezra H. Gallatin, Spencer; Albert Griswold, Sharon Center; John R. Collier, Montville; O. H. Garver, Harrisville; W. E. Hemmeter, Medina village; D. W. Allen, Litchfield; Josiah Speigle, Wadsworth village; W. F. Fenton, Medina village; Geo. Double, Brunswick; Chas. Bauer, Liverpool; John Winters, Spencer; Chas. F. Winters, Medina village; G. Hull, Litchfield; Archie L. Buchanan, Chatham; Harley Kindig, Guilford. Summoned to appear at court house Monday, April 12, at 10 a. m.

Petit Jurors—Marion Walker, Guilford; Edward H. Handichy, Medina village; Henry Bannard Lodi, village; Robt. Steingass, Liverpool; A. Carver, Seville; Wade Prentiss, Lodi; D. W. Brubaker, Homer; Victor Homan, Lodi; A. F. Lutz, Medina village; P. A. Bunnelle, Wadsworth village; Glen Benjamin, Brunswick; M. T. Wright, Medina village; R. L. Furrey, Homer; Chas. Keckler, Wadsworth village; W. G. Durling, Wadsworth village; Henry Hoefler, Liverpool; Terry Abbs, Sharon; Chas. Rowland, Lodi; Edward Hotenstein, Westfield. Summoned to appear at court house, Monday, April 19, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Climax of Special Prize Period Comes Tomorrow Night, the 13th

SPECIAL PRIZE OFFER

First Prize—Solitaire Diamond Ring. Any setting desired. Pure white stone, absolutely perfect.

Purchased from George F. High.

Second Prize—Ladies Gold Watch. Choice of Elgin or Waltham movement, hunting case or open face.

Purchased from A. E. Shaw.

Third Prize—Handsome Gold Bracelet. Hand Carved.

Purchased from George F. High.

To be presented to the three young ladies whose vote shows the greatest gain from new and old subscriptions and clipped coupons secured and voted during the two weeks, beginning Monday morning, March 1, and continuing to Saturday evening, March 13, at 9:30 o'clock. All votes cast for these prizes also count on the tours.

lect to keep busy. Don't imagine that each subscription that somebody else gets will cause you to lose. Don't miss one person; if he "does not" he will take the Sentinel. Don't get careless, but put in your votes as you get them—and hustle. Don't get discouraged, for there are many homes in and about Medina that neither you or any other candidate has visited. All the young ladies have given abundant evidence that they are willing to devote some time and effort to wards winning one of the big prizes, when they are worth much more than the effort required to win them. The contestants should be heartily commended for the substantial increases

that have been made in the vote totals since the beginning of the special prize period. It is no wonder that these prizes have acted as incentives to the young ladies for they will make desirable and substantial additions to any one's personal possessions. Then it will be a lot of honor to be a winner in the popularity campaign, and don't overlook the fact that the lady having the highest vote at the end of the contest will not only win her own trip, but the trip for the chaperone as well.

Contestants are urged to report subscriptions as soon as received and then the new subscribers for the paper can begin to save their coupons for you. You can well afford to spend

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Litchfield Veteran Dead

At 8 o'clock Wednesday evening the "one clear call" came for H. K. Canfield of Litchfield, not only one of the oldest citizens of that town, but of the county as well, and a member of the order of Masons for upward of forty years. He belonged to the Council of Elyria, the Chapter of Medina and the Blue Lodge of Litchfield.

He was born in Litchfield September, 1835, thus lacking only a few months of being an octogenarian. The deceased was a man respected by all and was genial as an associate.

Mr. Canfield was married in early life to Miss Beckwith, also of Litchfield, and to whom were born two children, both of whom survive—Mrs. Horton of Elyria and Vernon of Medina.

Funeral services will be held from the late home of the deceased on Saturday at 1 o'clock p. m., sun time, Rev. George Wiggins of Seville, formerly of Litchfield, officiating. Burial will be made in the Litchfield cemetery. The funeral will be in charge of the Masonic order.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING

The board of trade held another meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last Friday night. It was expected that there would be a large attendance, as there was considerable business that should have been transacted and it had been arranged for a luncheon to be served at the close of the meeting. The luncheon was served, but only about twenty members were there. One of the principal objects of the meeting was to take some formal action on the question of the board standing guarantors for the band. While it appears that a majority of the board favor the adoption of the band and becoming responsible for its instruction and direction, there are a few members who, while not directly opposed, at least express their doubts as to the wisdom of adopting the band, and when there is only a small attendance at the board meetings the few who are there hesitate to take final action. This condition of affairs prevailed last Friday night and an adjourned meeting was set for Thursday night of this week, at which time it is hoped that the important question of the band will be settled.

EXAM FOR CHAFFEURS

F. W. Gerlach, examiner of chauffeurs, of the State Automobile department, will be in Medina, Monday, March 15, and will conduct examinations at the Western Reserve Automobile Garage, from 2 o'clock until 5. This examination includes all persons, driving automobiles for hire, which includes livery purposes, and persons in the employ of the owner of automobiles. It also includes all automobile repairmen, testers and salesmen and motorcycle chauffeurs.

This law must be strictly conformed with during the present season, and persons not registering at this time will be subject to a fine of \$25 and costs and not more than three months imprisonment.

—George Doubledee of Western Star was taken to the Medina County Infirmary last week to be treated for hip disease.

ELIGIBLE AS RESERVES

Graduates of the military department of the Ohio State University are eligible for membership in the American Legion, an organization to be formed as first army reserves and to be composed of former army, navy and military men, and men having training in fundamentals of soldiering, according to Captain George L. Converse, university commandant of cadets.

The American Legion will be divided into units correlated with those of the regular service, representing all arms, and will be composed of about 300,000 men.

"This organization will supply what the Government now lacks, an organized first reserve," said Captain Converse in commenting upon the proposed legion. "I am heartily in favor of such a plan to add to our preparedness for war, and hope it is successful."

Northern Ohio Fair Held in Cleveland, February 22, 1864

One reminiscence will always suggest contemporary incidents; thus the story of the Coy murder and subsequent hanging of Frederic Streeter published in the Sentinel last week has revived in the mind of Mrs. Geraldine Taylor of South Court street, another interesting occurrence which took place on the day of the execution of Streeter.

The country was in the midst of the Civil war at that time and those who were not at the front had much to do toward providing for those who were. Among the various means for securing money was a series of what was called "sanitary fairs," which were held in the various cities of the country. The first city to give one, we are in formed, was Chicago. This one was so successful that other cities were not slow in following the lead. Cleveland was one of the first cities after Chicago to arrange for one. It was known as the Northern Ohio Fair.

The Cleveland Aid society, a benevolent and patriotic organization, had been to the Chicago fair and was so warmly impressed with what they had seen there that upon their return they issued a call for all counties in this section to take up the matter, and appoint committees and officers and report as soon as possible to the parent committee in Cleveland.

The response was prompt and generous. This was in the fall of 1863. The opening day of the fair, Feb. 22, 1864, was chosen as being far enough distant to allow ample time for maturing the yet half-formed plan and because, from being a national holiday, it was most likely to arrest public attention and be retained in the memory.

An undertaking so vast as to accommodate under one roof all the displays from the many counties of the district, to say nothing of the thousands of visitors who would attend, taxed the minds of those in charge to no small degree. But they were equal to the task. It was decided to erect a mammoth structure in the public square that should provide ample room for all departments. The build-

ing covered an area of 64,000 square feet and cost about \$10,000.

Each county in the district had immense and elaborate displays set off in booths. These booths were highly decorated with the national colors, pictures of famous Americans, and each booth in charge of intelligent and attractive ladies. Those in charge of the Medina county booth were Mrs. Geraldine Taylor and Adeline Ballard.

The day of the fair, Feb. 22, 1864, was the same day when Frederic Streeter forfeited his life for the triple murder of Shubil Coy and family. Both events are rendered especially vivid to the mind of Mrs. Taylor, as she says she recalls people passing her booth and when their eyes alighted upon the sign "Medina," would exclaim, "Medina! Oh, that's where they're hanging Streeter today."

Our article of last week also has served to bring out certain minor inaccuracies of statement. For instance, we wrote of Streeter being taken from the jail with the "black cap" on his head. This is as it was told us by an eye-witness and in probably 399 cases out of 1,000 it is a black cap that is used. But such was not the case with Streeter. The cap used on him was white and is now in the possession of our townsman, Mr. Willis H. Albro, as is also a hand-bill offering a reward for the apprehension of Streeter.

Both the cap and the bill were presented to Mr. Albro by Mayor Bradley, who was in office at the time of the crime. It has come to us that there are a number of persons about the county who witnessed the execution. It was not our purpose to handle this feature of the story. But during the week we have been informed of at least three of our citizens who were present. They are Mr. Albro, Sheriff Gohman and John Renz. Mr. Albro states that when Streeter was asked if he had anything to say, as he stood on the gallows, a voice from the throng which could not be identified exclaimed: "Streeter, keep your mouth shut." It was believed at the time that the mysterious voice was that of a confederate of Streeter in the crime.

a little time to win one of these trips, aside from the honor and advantage it will be to you. Write to your own town friends and to any whom you know who have moved away. They will subscribe to get the home news.

The co-operation of parents who would like to assist their daughters to win the valuable trip is invited. Fathers, mothers, brothers and other relatives who would like to help are urged to call at the Sentinel office any evening between 7 and 8 o'clock, or at any hour during the day to consult the contest manager or his assistant in regard to the best and fastest way of gathering subscriptions and the necessary votes. Come in and see us. You are welcome. Indications point to a heavy vote on Saturday at the close of the special period. Have your votes in by that time.

The manager of the tour department requests all contestants to turn in their subscriptions and votes as early as possible on Saturday. As considerable time is required for writing out receipts, filling out vote coupons, etc., it will avoid delay at the closing hour, if subscriptions are turned in through the day. At 9:30 o'clock p. m. the polls will be declared closed and as soon as the necessary entries of the matter in hand can be made, the ballot box will be opened and the count begun. It will take less than an hour to determine the winners.

Gets Black Hand Note

"Tom you are to be killed if you don't mind yourself," is a copy of the note left on the back porch of Marshal Tom Lucas' home in Wadsworth one day last week. The writing was evidently the work of a foreigner and was scrawled on the back of an envelope. Mrs. Lucas discovered the note which had been kept from blowing away by a pair of rubbers placed across the ends.

Marshal Lucas has announced that he has no doubt that the note was the work of the Italian Black Hand gang, which has been holding forth in Wadsworth and to whom the murder of one man and perhaps two is due.

Recent developments of the case which the marshal refuses to make public, indicate without a doubt the work of the Black Hand, says Lucas, and several Italians in Wadsworth are under suspicion.

The gang is working under the impression that they cannot be caught or if caught will get off easy. The threatening of an officer of the village however, is apt to meet with a far different attitude than the killing of Italians themselves. A complete wiping out of the Italian colony at Wadsworth might be a last resort should any violence be done Lucas.

Marshal Lucas, by his hard work on the John Lenzo murder case, naturally has aroused the enmity of some of the Italian colony. Following the killing of Lenzo, Lucas has kept Italian suspects under surveillance and has placed several of them under arrest in connection with this case and for other infractions of the law.

"MURDER WILL OUT"

Cleveland is up in arms over its social evil, West Salem is having its own troubles over the singing of "Tipperary" in its schools, and now comes Medina with the discovery of a gambling table in the basement of its primary school building. A tip had been given school officials some time ago that the basement had become a favorite rendezvous for certain card devotees and that games played there were not wholly confined to "Casino" or "seven-up." Thursday morning about 11 o'clock word was hurriedly circulated among a half-dozen school officials and teachers and in company with Marshal John Gates they all proceeded to the school building. Cautiously they crept from door to door, but each was locked. They listened, and it is said that there were those among the little band who were able to distinguish the game being played by the terms overheard. Be that as it may, upon reaching the fire door and upon signal, all hands threw themselves against the door, which gave way with a crash, Marshal Gates turning two forward somersaults, alighting in a sitting position on the card table in the center of the deuce of hearts. It should be stated, in justice to the schools, that only one student was in the party of four apprehended. No arrests were made and we understand that the school authorities have not fully made up their minds just what action will be taken.

WHO OWES THE BILLS?

The commissioners have had a peculiar case to handle for the past few weeks and it is being handled yet. Some time ago a woman by the name of English, whose home is in Wayne county, just over the line near West Salem, came to visit a friend just over the line in Medina county. Soon after her arrival she was taken sick. Local physicians were summoned and an operation was advised. This was performed by a surgeon from a Wooster hospital. The expenses attending the illness of Mrs. English were filed with the commissioners of Medina county, who refused to authorize payment on the ground that Mrs. English was not a resident of this county, and they turned the bills over to the commissioners of Wayne county. The latter also refuse to pay the bills, holding that they rightfully belong to Medina county. On Monday of this week Commissioner Towles met with the Wayne county commissioners. The latter suggested that each county pay half the account. This proposition our commissioners positively rejected on Monday afternoon and Clerk Zimmerman has so instructed the commissioners of the adjoining county. The various bills aggregate an amount approximating \$200—possibly a trifle less.

RELIGIOUS CANVASS

There will be a religious canvass of the town of Medina, Thursday, March 18, under the direction of the State Sunday School association. The ladies of the different churches will make this canvass and the following questions will be asked:

Name of family.
Number of persons in family.
Occupation.
Church membership or preference.
Your courteous consideration will be greatly appreciated by the Medina Ministerial association. S. F. Dimmock, chairman.

Town Taboos

"Tipperary"

The "dickens" is to pay in West Salem. A great social volcano has been rumbling there for a long time, with occasional eruptions of verbal lava and vituperative smudge.

Reports from West Salem carry the information that the town has been and is trying to extricate itself from the rule of a disreputable gang who desire to run things to suit themselves regardless of law. The press and pulpit of the town are loud in their denunciation of what has been going on, and have been putting forth their best efforts for some years to bring about a better order of things.

But the latest straw to break the camel's back with the element of social uplift in West Salem, was when the rollicking song of "Tipperary" was permitted to be sung in the schools. Gangs, speak-easies, thugs and the like were bad enough, but heaven forbid that the tune and infectious strains of Jack Judge's famous melody should be allowed to taint the pure minds of the scholars and desecrate the sacred halls of learning.

"Tipperary" was sung at the Washington's birthday exercises at the high school Feb. 22 and now anti-Tipperaryists argue that West Salem's neutrality has been violated.

"Tipperary," they say, may be a good marching song for the British in France, but its American popularity is fostered in grill rooms and cabarets, of which there is none in dry West Salem.

"Regarding the singing of the song on Washington's birthday," says a statement issued by friends of Principal Biddle, "we find that it was given on request, after the program was completed, the audience standing and joining in its rendition." Principal C. W. Biddle says he did not order the singing of "Tipperary" and that members of the board of education held its singing not to be a violation of the neutrality wishes of President Wilson.

To offset the alleged shattered neutrality of West Salem, the local newspaper Tuesday gave away blotters on which were printed the verses of America. Scores of school children stopped on their way to school to get the patriotic blotters, and it was announced that the strains of "Tipperary" no longer jingle through the halls of West Salem's institution of learning.

SATURDAY COURT SESSION

At the regular session of common pleas court held on Saturday the following cases were disposed of:

Verna Whitman vs. Milan W. Whitman, action for divorce and alimony; defendant given leave to withdraw his answer and cross petition at his costs. Plaintiff granted divorce on grounds of extreme cruelty and gross neglect and was restored to maiden name, Verne Mae Wilson.

Roy A. Crites vs. W. J. Lytle, action for money; defendant given leave to answer by March 20, 1915.

Ike Rader vs. C. A. Morrison, action to revive dormant judgment; decree for revival of judgment against defendant granted.

State of Ohio vs. James Masi charged with murder in the second degree; defendant was arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty. Bond was fixed at \$1500.